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Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company,

S.S. "Manila"

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My dear Father,

At Colombo
I received letters from
mother and yourself,
from Anna & from Eva -
all most welcome.

I received also your
University Lecture report,
for which many thanks.
I read it with interest
and pleasure, and
was especially gratified
to notice the sort of
"thrust from the shoulder"
way in which you handle
the subject, which is I
fancy calculated to have
a much greater effect - &

2/ to do more good than
any beating about the
bush could have a do.
The hostile forces are, I take
it, as they have always
been, coward at heart,
and nothing I should say
is better calculated to
overawe them than making
public the exact state of
the case, in the plainest
way. You will I am
sure have had much
sympathy and applause
from the western province
people, especially perhaps
in Toronto. I should like to
see what the "mail" says
about it, if it has been
brought under their notice
and criticism.
Our voyage has been a

quiet and uneventful
one. My time has been a
good deal at my own
disposal and I have
managed to put in a good
deal of reading, professional
and general, of more or
less advantage, and which
may possibly prove of use
in the future.

I enclose a sheet from Brit.
Medical Journal, which may
not have come under your
notice, giving the latest decision
of Medical Council re "foreign"
degree registration. It seems
a thousand pities that our men
who have the same ^{or greater} advantages in
cheapness of professional education,
and industry of application, as
Scottish & Irish graduates, should not
be allowed to compete, on equal

terms, for public service &
other good appointments. It
would open a very wide & useful
field for professional careers.

The Rev. H. A. Jones of Montreal
has been passing with us
this time from Australia, where
he has been lecturing on temper-
ance during the past year.
He could hardly have gone
to a better field! He seems a
very pleasant old fellow,
but his wife is a sad specimen
of female bad form. He
tells me one of his sons is
going through college now.
Give my love to Mother -
I shall write a line to Ann
tomorrow. With all kind re-
membrances & good wishes
Your affectionate son
Franklin.